

Revelation 8-9: Sounding the Trumpets

Rev 8:6-7: First Trumpet

"I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD." Joel 2:30-31

Rev.	Theme	Parallel	Old Testament
8:6-13	Trumpets	Fire, sun, moon	Joel 2
9:1-12	Locust-scorpions	Smoke, locusts	Joel 3
9:13-21	Lion cavalry	Lions, fire (horses)	Amos 1-2
10:1-7	Angel of oath	Mystery revealed to the prophets	Amos 3

Ex. 9:22-26.

Difference between this plague and the first trumpet:

- Judgements will be reversed
- Egypt - directed against Pharaoh, here directed against Israel.
- Egypt - both men, animal and vegetation suffered; here one third of vegetation destroyed

Rev. 8:8-9 – Second Trumpet

See Exodus 7:19-21

Rev. 8:10-11 - Third Trumpet

Wormwood - perennial herb which is very bitter - see Jeremiah 9:14-15

Rev. 8:12 - Fourth Trumpet

"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken."
Luke 21:25-26

Rev. 8:13 – Fifth Trumpet

Eagles as birds of prey and often associated with judgment and violence

(Hosea 8:1, Habakkuk 1:8)

“Woe, woe, woe.”

First woe (Rev 9:1-11)

Who is the fallen star?

“I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.” Luke 10:18

Here Jesus identifies fallen star as Satan.

Angels called “stars” (Job 38:7) = could this fallen angel be same as angel Rev 20:1-3?

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

Satan’s fall:

(1) Satan’s fall is both historic and prophetic.

Historically, he lost his position as the anointed cherub when he sinned and rebelled against God. (Ezekiel 28:11 and Isaiah 14:12).

Prophetically, he will be permanently cast out of heaven and restricted to earth in the middle of the Tribulation (Revelation 12:7-17)

(2) During this interim period, Satan evidently has access into God’s presence to accuse believers night and day.

Satan is given the key of the bottomless pit, or abyss.

- Greek word found seven times in Revelation (9:1, 2, 11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1, 3).
- Luke 8:31 (“bottomless pit”)
- 2 Peter 2:4 (“the pits of darkness”)
- Jude 6 (“eternal bonds under darkness”)

- This is the temporary abode or prison of a portion of the demons where they await their eternal and final judgement into the lake of fire.
- Satan is the ruler or king of the fallen angels - viewed as his angels (Matt. 12:24, 26; Eph. 2:2; Rev. 12:4, 7; John 12:31; Ephesians 6:12; 1 Peter 3:19-20).
- Abyss is a place of judgment for demons for specific sin.
- Here that Satan himself is confined for a 1000 years during the reign of Christ on earth (Rev 20:1-3).
- Satan given the key to the abyss and the power to release those who are *confined there*.
- When abyss is opened, smoke rises and John sees locusts coming from the smoke.
- Different locusts to 8th plague in Exodus 10:12-20
- Torment of the locusts lasts five months.
- Clarence Larkin - parallel with Joel 2:1-11.
- John lists eight things about their appearance - they are the worst of the demons of Satan.
- "Scorpion locusts" have a King - "APOLLYON" - means destroyer.

Whoever this angel is, he is given power to liberate a vast multitude of demons who shall enter into and take possession of the bodies of people and so torment them that they will long to die but shall not be able to.